



# FARM and GARDEN NEWS



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**Three Suspects Jailed  
In \$41 Million Fire**  
TOKYO — Police Friday blamed Tottori's disastrous \$41,600,000 fire on a short circuit caused by illegal tapping of electric wires. They jailed three suspects.

## New OSC Soil, Water Resources Bulletin Ready

A program in which research and extension can assist Oregon residents to make still further progress in conservation and use of land and water resources is outlined in a new Oregon State College extension bulletin, number 725, entitled, "Soil and Water Conservation and Use in Oregon," now ready for distribution.

Discussing significant features, major problems and land use, the circular outlines the state in five areas. They are the coastal, Southern Oregon, the Willamette Valley, the Columbia Basin, and the remainder of Eastern Oregon.

## Water Forecasts Best In Years; Floods Possible

Snow covers that have roken all-time records in many parts of Oregon assure an abundance of water for farm irrigation and hydro-electric power needs during 1952 but also represent a continuing flood hazard in case of unusual melting conditions.

## Classification Of State's Land Has Been Asked

An immediate classification of Oregon's land resources has been requested by a statewide land economics committee headed by Charles A. Tom, Rufus.

It was one of the committee's recommendations which was acted on favorably at the recent statewide agricultural conference at Oregon State College. Through extensive field work, the committee has boundaries of areas primarily suited to forestry, grazing, cultivated crops, recreation, watershed protection, wild life or combinations of these uses could be determined.

Maps and other material prepared should then become the guide for county, state, and federal programs on these areas, Tom explained.

Recommendations Made  
The committee also recommended that federal mining laws be amended to accomplish the following: Make mineral prospecting and location of mining claims subject to appropriate restrictions and regulations in order that abuses be prevented; and allow owners of mining claims to have mineral rights only, reserving to the government

all other resources except those required for mining. Other recommendations included one to have all federally owned, revenue-producing property pay to local taxing units an amount equal to the tax assessment if the property were in private ownership. The committee cited the fact that about 58 percent of Oregon's land area is owned by various municipal, county, state and federal agencies. Much of the land is revenue producing, yet the revenue returned varies from nothing for certain lands to as much as 75 percent of the receipts from others.

Tom said the principle of assessed value and payments on the basis of local tax levies has been recognized by Congress in the case of the Coos Bay reversioned road grants. These lands are appraised every ten years and pay the equivalent of annual tax levies from receipts.

## Editor Freed In Blasting Negligent Officials

LAKE CHARLES, La. — Managing Editor Kenneth Dixon of the Lake Charles American Press, was acquitted Friday on charges of defaming the Calcasieu Parish (county) district attorney, assistant district attorney and the 13 members of the parish police jury. Judge Bernard Cooke read a lengthy opinion on the one charge against the managing editor and concluded that Dixon had the right

to criticize the officials during his editorial campaign against gambling.

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to fill. Many are already spilling water as a safeguard against flooding later on when the high level snow begins its runoff.

## 'Post Farm' To Expand Studies Of Wood Decay

Plans have been made to enlarge the "post farm" located in Oregon State College's McDonald Forest, according to Robert Graham wood technologist with the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory.

Data on the natural durability of native woods and the effectiveness of different preservative treatments used as fence posts are obtained from the farm, named the T. J. Starker Post Farm for the former OSC professor who started the experimental project in 1927.

More than 2300 posts have been lodged in the farm's bosom. The farm is excellent for decay conditions because of its many termites and fungi, Graham said. Current test results have been published by the laboratory in five progress reports.

Emphasize Preservatives  
The new project will emphasize simple preservative treatments to fit the pocketbook of those using low-cost construction. In many localities, particularly in rural areas, lumber commercially treated with preservatives is not generally available or its cost may prohibit its use in low-cost construction, Graham said.

The farm will be expanded one-fifth and will serve as a "proving ground" for above-ground wood fencing and types of wood joints used in house building. Five wood species which will probably be tested with different preservatives by brush and soaking methods include ponderosa pine, southern yellow pine, Douglas fir, western hemlock and western red cedar.

Theodore Scheffen, Portland, of the division of forest pathology of the USDA, will supervise treating and installation of material. Also ison, Wis. cooperating on the study is the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory at Madison.

rapid runoff that would be a real flood danger in some areas, he cautions.

Snowfall Heavy  
In all but certain northern areas of the state, the snowfall is one of the heaviest in history. South Central Oregon around Lakeview has a snow cover that is more than twice the long-time average in some cases.

The Umatilla-Walla Walla basin with drier-than-normal soil conditions and reduced rain totals for this year, has the poorest water outlook of any section. Even there, however, the supply will be ample. Elsewhere the forecast is for one of the best water years in history with nearly all reservoirs expected

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### OUR CRYING NEED

Nobody's crying yet, but it could come to that. So many things we need, like mink coats, Cadillacs. But they cost so much, that we can compromise with a sweater and a used '33 model, and still mosey along.

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And the Government says all poultry must be quick frozen and kept under low temperatures if it is to move interstate commerce.



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### CLASSIFIED SECTION

FOR SALE, 2500 sexed tom poults, hatch May 28th, 45¢ each. This may be a steal, but you will still be on the right side of the sheriff. See Jay Conn, Melrose.

BE CAREFUL  
On rushing off to the wars, an old Roman officer locked his wife in armor, but gave the key to his best friend.

Then away he galloped, but looking back after going a few miles, he noticed a cloud of dust, and stopped to wait. Presently his good friend came up alongside, and with an aggrieved look on his face, he complained: "My friend! You have given me the wrong key!"

### HARDWARE HARDTACK

We saw a fellow fixing fence the other day. Of all the jobs on the farm we hated fence fixing worse. Always getting scratched up. The Mrs. did most of it, and it kept her out of the garden, so we had to buy our vegetables, which kept us broke.

Now that Douglas Flour Mill has those electric fences, don't cost hardly anything, and leaves lots of time for the Mrs. to run the new garden tractor, and we figure we can buy some of that fine fishing gear, and it looks like a pretty good summer ahead.

Worried wife: (at hubby's bedside): "Is there any hope Doctor?"  
Doc: "Well, that depends Mrs. Jones, on what you're hoping for."

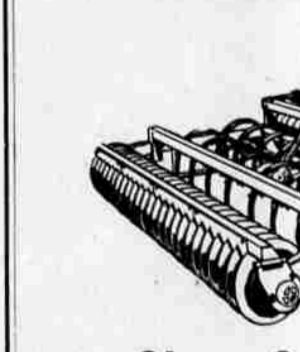
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